(*b*) The figures for this year is not yet available. But, the figures for the year 1953-54 is as follows :—

Area in acres	*Production in tons*
1,09,399	8,627·9

(*c*) 7,000 tons (for the whole of India).

(*d*) Disallowed.

(*e*) About 10,200 tons.

Conversions to other religions.

Q.— 586. **Srimathi B. L. SUBBAMMA** (Chikmagalur-Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons that are being converted from one religion to another every year in the State ;

(*b*) the people of which communities are so being converted ;

(*c*) which is the religion that is making larger number of conversions ;

(*d*) whether they have taken any steps to check forcible conversion ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No information.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) above.

(*c*) No case of forcible conversion has come to the notice of Government.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).

Medical College and Medical School Seats given to each District.

Q.—588. **Srimathi B. L. SUBBAMMA** (Chikmagalur-Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of seats given to the students of each District in the Medical College and Medical School this year ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that injustice has been done in giving seats ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*)

MEDICAL COLLEGE.

District		*No. of seats*
Mysore	...	17
Bangalore	...	22
Mandya	...	4
Kolar	...	8
Tumkur	...	5
Hassan	...	3
Chikmagalur	...	2
Shimoga	...	7
Chitaldrug	...	8
Bellary	...	7
Outside the Mysore State	...	2

MEDICAL SCHOOL.

District		*No. of seats*
Bangalore	...	32
Mysore	...	7
Kolar	...	7
Tumkur	...	21
Hassan	...	12
Mandya	...	7
Shimoga	...	9
Chikmagalur	...	9
Chitaldrug	...	15
Bellary	...	7
South Canara	...	2

(*b*) No.

Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachara Sabha (Facilities afforded).

Q.—589. **Srimathi B. L. SUBBAMMA** (Chikmagalur-Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the facilities afforded by the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha for the propagation of Hindi language ;

(*b*) the facilities afforded by the Mysore Riyasath Hindi Prachar Sabha ;

(*c*) the number of students that are appearing for Hindi Examinations every year ;

(*d*) whether they would make Hindi compulsory subject in all Public Examinations ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) The Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, conducts

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bi-annual examinations in Hindi in the months of February and August of each year and issues certificates to the successful candidates. The names of the examinations are (1) Prathama (2) Madhyama (3) Rastrabhasha and (4) Praveen.

The Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha conducts Hindi Pracharak Vidyalaya and coaches up candidates for the Rastra Bhasha Praveen Degree and Pracharak Diploma Examinations.

The Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha has appointed two Zonal organisers who periodically tour the Hindi Prachar Centres and assist the Hindi teachers by giving suggestions and necessary aid.

(*b*) 1. Constituting branch and affiliated Hindi Prachar Committees in rural areas.

2. Conducting Hindi Classes and Vidyalayas.

3. Running free Reading Rooms;

4. Organising study circles in Hindi;

5. Enactment of attractive dramas in Hindi;

6. Organising debates in Hindi;

7. Organising all Mysore State Debate and Elocution competition in Hindi

8. Organising sale of Hindi Books;

9. Conducting bi-annual Examinations;

10. Organising short term intensive courses in Hindi during Summer Holidays;

11. Participating in Exhibitions and running stalls;

12. Convening Hindi Pracharaks' conferences;

13. Giving financial help to those who conduct Hindi Classes for Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha;

14. Running a Central library for the benefit of advanced students in Hindi.

(*c*) The number of students that are appearing for the various examinations of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha in Mysore State is as follows:—

Year	*No. of candidates*
1948	4,604
1949	5,327
1950	8,294
1951	8,625
1952	9,449
1953	11,802

(*d*) The matter is under consideration of Government.

Institutions for destitute Women and Children.

Q.—592. Srimathi B. L. SUBBAMMA (Chikmagalur-Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any institutions have been started either by them or by the public for the benefit of destitute women and children;

(*b*) whether they have requested the Government of Madras to prevent persons coming here from that State and dying of starvation;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the persons trading in labour to coffee estates are bringing persons on false hopes from Madras and run away after taking money leaving these people in the Estates?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes (please see list below).

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

List of rescue homes with strength of members in each and names of Inspecting Officers.

Name of Rescue Home	Strength	Inspecting or Advising Officers
1 Sevasadan, Bangalore.	...	The Hon. Secretary states that Seva-Sadan is an orphanage and home for destitute girls and not a rescue home.